



Lutheran School Wagga Wagga

Prospectus

K-6 PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal's welcome

As parents you are the first and most significant teachers of your children. You have been guiding them in their learning journey since the very beginning of their lives. We believe that our school exists to partner with you as their journey continues in a more formal educational setting.

Lutheran School Wagga Wagga is a Kindergarten to Year 6 Primary School with a current enrolment of around 350 boys and girls. Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Wagga Wagga established our school in 1982.

It has grown to become highly respected, and we continue to build our capacity to offer the highest standard of education in a Christ-centred environment. We firmly believe that every child has been created by God with a unique set of gifts and abilities and our task is to ensure that they are enabled to develop, toward fulfilling their potential during the primary years.

Lutheran School is part of the Australia wide Lutheran school system which includes 56 kindergarten and early childhood centres, 40 primary schools, 7 secondary schools and 38 kindergarten to year 12 schools educating over 40,000 students.

We encourage a close relationship and partnership between home and school.

We invite you to browse our website www.lpsww.nsw.edu.au, visit our school or contact us for further information. We welcome your child to begin their schooling journey with us.

- Peter Weier



Mission statement

The Mission Statement of Lutheran School Wagga Wagga is:

"To work under God in partnership with parents to provide an inclusive, nurturing and high quality education for every student".

Aims

- To provide a high quality, Christ centred primary school education.
- To provide for each child, a wide range of experience and activities, which will stimulate a continuing interest in learning.
- To provide a Christian atmosphere where each child is individually encouraged to develop his or her God given talents.
- To promote an atmosphere in which learning is valued, excellence is encouraged and honest effort recognised and praised.

We strive to provide a caring Christian environment in which teachers, parents and students actively collaborate to ensure that every child is provided with a range of opportunities so that they can reach their potential in spiritual, physical, cultural, social and emotional aspects of their lives.

We are committed to providing a complete but distinctive education. Thus, the school seeks to prepare its students for a life of service in the family, in their vocation, in their church and in their community.

Students are encouraged to develop an active living faith, a commitment to a life of service to others and a positive self-concept as well as to fulfil their physical, spiritual and creative potential and expand their individual talents. It is anticipated that they will learn self-discipline and how to achieve effective relationships.

Lutheran School Wagga Wagga promotes and teaches the values of:

LOVE **HOPE** **COMPASSION** **QUALITY** **SERVICE** **RESPECT**
HUMILITY **APPRECIATION** **COURAGE** **JUSTICE** **FORGIVENESS**

Core values

Lutheran Education Australia's 'Living in Community' values for Lutheran Schools complement and support the core values of our school. From these our school values are:

A Christ centred school

Because Lutheran School Wagga Wagga is a Christian school owned and operated by Bethlehem Lutheran Congregation we share in the mission of the Christian church expressed by our Lord in John 20:21; *"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you;"* Matthew 28:19, *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;"* and Mark 16:15, *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."* Our foremost desire, therefore, is to make and keep the mission of Jesus Christ central in all aspects of every school activity, both inside and outside the classroom. Our aim is to help people learn and grow in Christ.

A Christian community

Everyone associated with our school - students, staff and families - is God's creation and therefore equally precious. This essential truth is expressed in our school via our intention to live as a microcosm of the Gospel: a worshipping community where all involved with the school both share and experience God's forgiveness in Christ; and where the contribution of each person is encouraged, valued and appreciated. Our aim is a school characterised by genuine Christian community; a school permeated by Jesus Christ and his love.



Servants and service

Through practice of the Christian model of servant leadership (Matthew 20:26-28) we endeavour to prepare and equip students and others for the good of the greater community in which they are to take their place and use their God given gifts in service to others to the honour and praise of God.

Excellence in education

We are committed to academic excellence. We are also committed to planning and providing a broad curriculum which will contribute to the development of each student's uniqueness and cater for a wide range of abilities. We employ quality teachers and support them through appropriate remuneration, favourable working conditions and opportunities for training and professional development.



Ministry and care

We are continually growing as a caring, Christian community so that children, families and friends can experience God's grace and love in their lives.

Care is provided through listening, encouraging, supporting, visiting, counselling, offering practical help and reaching out to students, parents, families and staff when in need. To help carry out this caring we are assisted by:

Our congregational pastor

The pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church can support students, families and staff; lead worship at the school; provide courses of introduction to the Christian faith and the Lutheran Church; and be available for visiting and pastoral acts such as baptisms, weddings and funerals.



Our school chaplain

Our chaplain supports students, families and staff; visits classes to speak with children about the Christian faith; and finds resources for the worship life of the school. The chaplain is available for spiritual counselling and prayer support, and organises the school's care giving program.

Student wellbeing

Our goal is to nurture professional relationships with students which are safe, respectful and supportive, and which help students reach their full potential. Our Deputy Principal, who oversees student wellbeing, works towards building individual and collective wellbeing through a climate of Christian care, support in maintaining healthy relationships using a restorative approach, and creating experiences that develop self-regulation, social competence and resilience to ensure each child's personal growth leads to qualities that will enable them to succeed, thrive and contribute positively throughout their life.

Our care coordinators

Each year parents from various year levels are invited to serve as care coordinators to help promote the school as a caring Christian environment. Through our school chaplain they can help plan social events for families of a given year level (e.g. barbeques, picnics etc), coordinate short term physical support to be available when families experience difficult times (e.g. emergency meals, transport and child minding), arrange a beginning of year get together with classes, encourage attendance at parents' information nights, welcome new parents and introduce them to others.

Our staff

School staff deliver individual caring support in the classroom, playground and around the school grounds. They assist individuals and families by working with the chaplain, deputy principal or care coordinators.

All teachers are committed to the Christian ideals of the school and are appropriately qualified for their role, including the teaching of Christian Studies.

All support staff have qualifications appropriate to their roles. Many have first aid qualifications.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Bethlehem Lutheran Church provides the following:

- Sunday worship at 9:30am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 9 Athol Street, Turvey Park.
- Sunday school at 9:30am for children (3-12) at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 9 Athol Street, Turvey Park.
- Confirmation instruction.

Our students have the opportunity each year to participate in a worship service at Bethlehem Church.

How to get in touch

The pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church can be contacted on 69 251 294.

Visit the church website <http://www.waggawagga.lca.org.au/>



The school's program

A wide ranging educational program is offered which aims for excellence and caters for a variety of students' needs.

The school program provides for Christian growth through regular worship and Christian studies lessons.

The school encourages a close relationship between school, home and church and provides a pastoral care system that strives to meet the needs of each student. A high degree of individual group discipline is promoted by staff who are caring and committed to the Christian ideals of the school.

Emphasis is also placed on the acquisition of skills and concepts in all key learning areas in preparation for productive and satisfying life long learning.

Students are encouraged to have enquiring, receptive and discriminating minds and a continuing eagerness for self-improvement. An appreciation of, and respect for, the total environment are emphasised.

School curriculum

The school follows a curriculum set by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) with an emphasis on numeracy and literacy development.

The Key Learning Areas are:

- *English*
- *Mathematics*
- *Personal Development, Health and PE*
- *Human Society and its Environment (History and Geography)*
- *Creative and Practical Arts*
- *Science and Technology*

In addition, Christian Studies is taught as part of the school curriculum.



School curriculum (continued)

Our school aims to support the learning of our students with the provision of specialist teachers and learning assistants, a well equipped Resource Centre comprising a well resourced library, flexible learning spaces, and access to digital technology across the school.

The Learning Enhancement Teacher and Curriculum Coordinator work with classroom teachers and students to provide activities adapted to support a range of abilities and learning styles.

Specialist programs to support student learning include:

- Differentiated teaching programs in Mathematics and English
- Languages (German in Years K-6)
- Learning Support Programs
 - ◊ *Small group instruction in literacy and numeracy*
 - ◊ *Individual Education Programs*
 - ◊ *Social skills*
 - ◊ *Reading intervention programs via MiniLit (Year 1-2) and MultiLit (Year 3-6) and Macqlit*
- Information Technology integrated into key learning areas
- Learning Resource Centre
 - ◊ *Library Research skills*
 - ◊ *Ipads*
 - ◊ *Reading for pleasure*
- Music
 - ◊ *Kindergarten to Year 6*
 - ◊ *Choir and Recorder groups*
- Physical Education
 - ◊ *Kindergarten to Year 6*

Students are able to learn a wide range of instruments privately through the Riverina Conservatorium of Music during the school day. Music is also a strong feature of the school's worship and devotion program. Speech and Drama is available as private lessons during school hours for Years 2-6.

During the year sporting activities are also included in the school's program including:

- PMP for Kindergarten and Year 1
- Gymnastics for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6
- Swimming for Kindergarten to Year 2 and water safety Years 3 and 5
- Sporting Carnivals (athletics, cross country, swimming), AFL, soccer, rugby league, and snow sports.

Students are encouraged to play sport and be involved in school teams, thereby learning the benefits of team play.

Links with community teams for cricket, soccer, softball, hockey, rugby league, and Australian football also provide sporting options for students.



School climate

Relationships in which students feel valued and accepted are integral to the social, emotional and spiritual development of students. A positive trusting relationship between teacher and student is also critical if effective learning is to take place.

The Christian Studies and worship program of the school stresses the importance of God as our creator, Jesus as our saviour and the Holy Spirit as our guide. Within this program students learn God's unconditional love for them and their response of love to others.

To supplement the Christian Studies and Personal Development Program, all year levels are involved in a Peer Support Program and 'You Can Do It' program which teaches responsibility to self and others.

The school promotes a positive climate by valuing the worth of the individual, establishing positive relationships in which advice and discipline can be given. Students are encouraged to acknowledge their mistakes, accept forgiveness and develop self-discipline.



School community

Lutheran School acknowledges that parents are the first educators of their children. Parents and family, in the home environment, strongly influence what and how children learn.

Effective interaction between school and parents is important.

The school will:

- Endeavour to communicate clearly to parents what it accepts as its responsibility.
- Require active interest and support of the parents, and
- Maximise opportunity for parental involvement.

Parents can support the school through:

- Participating and joining in the life of the school.
- Encouraging their children to behave in accordance with the school's Behaviour Learning Policy and the Christian ethos of the school.
- Providing a learning environment at home which encourages the completion of home learning activity and good study skills.
- Supporting school activities and functions.
- Approaching the class teacher with concerns regarding their child's school life.
- Promoting a positive image of Lutheran School and directing concerns or feedback to the appropriate staff member.
- Supporting staff in the provision of extra-curricular activities.



Bus service

The Lutheran School is well serviced by school buses for students residing in Wagga Wagga and outlying areas.

Out of school hours care and vacation care (OSHC)

Quality care and recreation are provided for students requiring **before and after** school hours care from 6:45am to 8:30am and 3:20pm to 6pm weekdays.

Your child can be cared for in a secure and friendly environment with caring and qualified staff.

OSHC includes supervised homework time (if requested), activities including drama, arts and crafts, games and much more.

Vacation care operates during all holiday periods (except two weeks over Christmas/New Year) as well as student free days from 8:00am to 6:00pm.



Enrolment procedure

Lutheran School Wagga Wagga offers a Christian education to all applicants regardless of ethnic origin, gender, religion, financial status or disability, providing parents are supportive of the Christian ethos of the school and vacancies and adequate resources are available.

General information

- In determining who will be offered placement at the school the following priorities apply:
 - ◇ Children of families worshipping with the Lutheran Church of Australia.
 - ◇ Children of families that have an existing relationship with the school (eg current or former students, staff).
 - ◇ Children of families worshipping in other Christian denominations.
 - ◇ Children of other families in order of receipt of application.
- The school will accept applications on a continuous basis.
- Parents obtain a prospectus and application for enrolment from the school or download from the school website.
- Parents complete and return the application form with a copy of child's birth certificate, immunisation certificate, latest school report and visa/residency documentation (if applicable).
- A meeting with the principal is required before an offer of enrolment is made.
- A follow up phone call is made to you following your meeting and offer of enrolment is then forwarded to parents by email.
- Parents return the enrolment acceptance form and pay the non-refundable fee of \$425 within fourteen days of receipt of offer, thus reserving a place for their child in the school. Please note that of this amount \$50 is for administration and \$375 will be credited to tuition fees.
- Should parents withdraw the enrolment at any time after accepting a place the enrolment fee will not be refunded.



Enrolment in kindergarten

- The child entering Kindergarten must turn five years of age by 31 March of the year of entry.
- A School Information Evening and Principal's Tours are held in March each year. Enrolment meetings will continue until all available places are filled.
- Incoming Kindergarten students are required to attend orientation activities conducted in Term 4 of the year preceding enrolment.

Enrolment in existing year levels

- Applications for entry through the existing year levels are accepted on a continuous basis. If a place is not immediately available student names are added to a database as expressions of interest.

Integration enrolments

The application for enrolment of a child with a disability will be considered on an individual basis to ensure that the student is provided with opportunities to realise their potential.

The next step

If you feel that this is the school for your family, you are invited to visit our school or contact us for further information.

We are waiting for your child to begin their schooling journey with us.

